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## **HOGAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION OF STOLEN MAIL**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a current inmate of the South Central Correctional Center in Licking, Mo., was sentenced today for possession of stolen mail.

**Kristopher E. Hogan**, 19, currently in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections on unrelated charges, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to three years in prison without parole. The court also ordered **Hogan** to pay \$10,839.78 in restitution.

On August 12, 2002, **Hogan** pleaded guilty to a federal indictment charging him with possession of stolen mail.

By pleading guilty, Graves said, **Hogan** admitted that he contrived a solo “test drive” of a 1996 Jeep Grand Cherokee from Brell’s Auto Sales of Rogersville, Mo., on April 11, 2002. **Hogan** took the Jeep to Tulsa, Oklahoma, and was observed driving the stolen Jeep past the auto dealership the next day. **Hogan** fled law enforcement officers in a high speed chase in Webster County, Graves said, and eventually crashed the stolen Jeep and destroyed a fence while driving through a citizen’s yard.

**Hogan** was seen tossing papers from the Jeep while he was being pursued, Graves said. Along the highway and in the Jeep were several items of property stolen in Webster County, Graves added, including 76 pieces of undelivered United States mail and other items which had been contained in the letters or parcels in the mail. **Hogan** told law enforcement officers that he had stolen the recovered mail in Springfield in order to look for money. There are 35 identifiable victims of the mail theft, Graves said.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard E. Monroe. It was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service, the Howell County Sheriff's Department, the Missouri Highway Patrol, the Webster County Sheriff's Department and the Greene County Sheriff's Department.

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